

Given the cancellation of claims 1-4, 7, and 9 and the amendment to claim 14, the Applicant respectfully submits that currently pending claims 11, 15, and 16 are in condition for allowance.

Attached hereto as Exhibit A is a document entitled "Listing of All Claims and Amendments (05-25-2006)" containing a listing of the claims as currently presented. Exhibit A contains the text of each pending claim, along with any amendments made hereby (illustrated using strikethrough and underlining) and the status of each pending claim.

Given the foregoing, the Applicant respectfully submits that pending claims 11, 15, and 16 are in condition for allowance, and such allowance is respectfully requested. If there is any matter which could be expedited by consultation with the Applicant's attorney, such would be welcome. The Applicant's attorney can be reached at the telephone number below.

Signed at Bellingham, County of Whatcom, State of Washington this 25th day of May, 2006.

Respectfully submitted,

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